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Washington, D.C. 20231

February 4, 2002

Dear Commissioner:

Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by the Examiner Dung V. Nguyen to Applicant's counsel, John C. Thomas, during a phone interview on February 4, 2002.

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), dated January 16, 2001. In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment boxes 3 and 4 were checked indicating that a clean version of the amended claims is required and a marked up version of the amended claims is required.

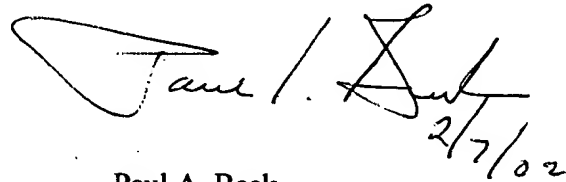
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Applicant realized that it did not include the marked up version of the amended claim in its response that was filed on December 21, 2001. Applicant filed the marked up version of the amended claim with its Supplemental Response on January 15, 2001.

Applicant's counsel, John C. Thomas, spoke with Examiner Ngyuen on February 4, 2002 to ask what additional information was required. Examiner Ngyuen indicated that because the Supplemental Response was filed no further action need to taken by Applicant with respect to the Amendment. Examiner Ngyuen also confirmed that the clean version of the amended claim appeared in the text of the Amendment that a separate clean version was not required to be submitted and box 3 was probably inadvertently checked.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul A. Beck", with the date "2/7/02" written below it.

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